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SUBJECT: NSF-HUNGARY PROGRAM. NSF/KKI AGREEMENT ON
SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION OF 7 JULY 1972, AS AMENDED, 20
DECEMBER 1974; PATENT RIGHTS

1. POSSIBLE PROBLEM AROSE DURING RECENT VISIT OF THREE
HUNGARIAN SCIENTISTS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON, OHIO.
2. VISIT UNDER TERMS OF SUBJECT AGREEMENT ARTICLE VI OF
AGREEMENT READS IN PART: START "WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUB-
JECT INVENTION WHICH IS OR MAY BE PATENTABLE, JOINTLY CON-
CEIVED OR FIRST REDUCED TO PRACTICE BY COLLABORATING PARTI-
CIPANTS OF THE TWO SIDES IN THE COURSE OF ANY ACTIVITY
CARRIED OUT UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, THE PARTIES AGREES; (I)
THAT EACH OF THE PARTIES WILL HAVE THE SOLE RIGHT TO CON-
TROL THE DISPOSITION OF ALL RIGHTS IN THE SUBJECT INVEN-
TION WITHIN ITS TERRITORY, AND THE OTHER PARTY AGREES TO
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TAKE SUCH STEPS AS ARE NECESSARY TO ASSURE THAT SUCH PARTY
RECEIVES SUCH SOLE RIGHTS..."END.

3. UNIVERSITY OF AKRON WAS AWARDED A GRANT ON 9 FEBRUARY
1977 BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION FOR SUPPORT OF PRO-
JECT ENTITLED "CATIONIC COPOLYMERIZATION 'HOT CATION'
THEORY AND ALKYLATED AND CRAFTED PVC DEGRADATION MECHANISM"

(INT-7603952). PROJECT IS IN FURTHERANCE OF THE UNITED

STATES-HUNGARIAN COOPERATIVE SCIENCE PROGRAM. FERENC TUDOS AND TIBOR KELEN OF CENTRAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR CHEMISTRY, BUDAPEST, CAME TO U.S. FOR THIS PROJECT. THIRD VISITOR, TIBOR NAGY, WAS ALSO PRESENT. PLEADING NEED FOR INSTRUCTIONS FROM HUNGARY, VISITORS REFUSED TO SIGN A FORM PRESENTED THEM BY UNIVERSITY OF AKRON THAT WAS INTENDED TO IMPLEMENT ARTICLE VI OF NSF/KKI AGREEMENT.

4. NSF WAS INFORMED BY UNIVERSITY OF AKRON THAT TWO VISITORS HAVE RETURNED TO HUNGARY. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CONSULT WITH CENTRAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR CHEMISTRY REGARDING THIS MATTER. UNIVERSITY OF AKRON ADVISES THAT PATENTABLE INVENTION MIGHT BE PRESENT AND THAT TUDOS, KELEN AND NAGY COULD POSSIBLY BE INVOLVED AS CO-INVENTORS. AKRON APPARENTLY NEEDS ONLY PRESENT REASSURANCE OF FUTURE COOPERATION OF NAMED HUNGARIANS IN EVENT PATENT APPLICATION IS FILED. VANCE

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